

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0904**

April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the University of Florida (UF) Health Jacksonville - Nursing Education Development Center in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Shands Jacksonville Medical Center, Inc. located at 655 8th St W, Jacksonville, FL 32209.

This funding will be used to renovate the existing UF Health space on the fourth floor of the Professional Office Building to create an adaptable and accessible Nursing Education Development Center for clinical proficiency, leadership training, and workshops.

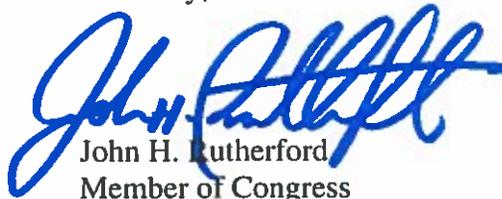
UF Health Jacksonville is a highly recognized Nursing Magnet healthcare center. This distinction is only awarded to hospitals where there is clear education and professional development offered to every nurse. Despite this, they have experienced significant recruitment, retention and resiliency challenges across all nursing disciplines. The creation of a dedicated Nursing Education Development Center will allow UF Health Jacksonville to continue to build exceptional nursing professionals to deliver clinical care to the community.

Located in Downtown Jacksonville, UF Health Jacksonville serves anyone in need of medical and nursing care, regardless of their ability to pay.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this project that is of significant importance to my district.

Sincerely,



John H. Rutherford  
Member of Congress